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'B' Party Ramble Reeth (Anti-Clockwise Circular)

3rd June 2018. Leader: Tony Anderson

Distance: 8.7 miles. Ascent/Descent 1321 ft

This is an undulating walk along the Arkle valley, with a couple of short sharp climbs at the beginning. During the walk we will need to cross several springs. I cannot comment on the scenery as when I did the recce it was misty and very muddy!

We start off from the bridge we crossed as we came into Reeth, climbing up to a path that follows the river which is on our left. We occasionally come down to the river side before crossing a ford (don't worry there is a bridge) and then climb up to Booze.

From Booze we descend to Langthwaite, but we won't stop there just now as we continue up the valley to cross the river further up. After crossing the river, we return to Langthwaite.

Langthwaite One of the few villages in Arkengarthdale, North Yorkshire, England. It is probably classed as the main settlement in the dale. It is one of the most northerly settlements in the whole of Yorkshire Dales National Park. It is home to a pub ('The Red Lion'), a shop and an unusual commissioners' church of 1817, which was one of many then built with money provided by Parliament in an attempt to counteract atheism and free thinking after the French Revolution. Langthwaite is also home to a hexagonal powder house, built in 1807 to store gunpowder used in the many mines dotted around the area. The 1851 census counted 48 houses in Langthwaite. The village was used for the filming of several scenes in the television series *All Creatures Great and Small*. The Red Lion was featured in the episode "Every Dog Has His Day" but was made out to be in fictional Briston, while the frontage of the fictional J. R. Stubbs provisions store and the bridge which Siegfried Farnon and James Herriot drive over, featured in the opening credits of the later series, are also in the village.^[2] Another TV series, *Century Falls*, also featured Langthwaite. The 1975 Disney picture "Escape from the Dark" was partly filmed in Langthwaite and around Arkengarthdale. The name of the village is Old Norse in origin and means 'the long meadow'.

Booze The original community depended on hill farming and mining. The hamlet overlooks Sleij Gill which contains several lead mining levels. Following the collapse of the lead mining industry in North Yorkshire at the end of the 19th century one of the mines, the Booze Wood Level, continued to be used as a slate mine until the beginning of the First World War. Chert was mined on Fremington Edge, south of Booze, until the beginning of the Second World War. The 1851 census counted 41 houses in Booze. (Not that many now!) A local tragedy occurred during the eighteenth century when a group of miners working underground near Boldershaw blasted into an underground lake. Twenty-four miners and two pit ponies were drowned in the flood that followed. Eighteen of the dead came from Booze. The vein became known as the Water Blast Vein.

Leaving Langthwaite, we continue to Arkle Town where we cross a derelict cemetery to descend down to the river. We return to Reeth with the river on our left cross a number of fields with small gates in the dry-stone walls.

In Reeth we can all have a well-deserved drink at one of the 3 pubs The Buck, The Kings Arms and The Black Bull, as well as several tea rooms which surround the green.

Reeth. In Saxon times, Reeth was only a settlement on the forest edge, but by the time of the Norman conquest it had grown sufficiently in importance to be noted in the Domesday Book. Later it became a centre for hand-knitting and the local lead industry was controlled from here, but it was always a market centre for the local farming community. The origin of the name Reeth is unclear. It is possibly derived from the Germanic for 'place by the stream'. While this claim can neither be confirmed nor denied, Reeth could also have been derived from the Cumbric rith (cf. ryd in Modern Welsh, rys in Cornish) meaning 'Ford'. Both would make sense as Reeth is located near two shallow rivers. On 5 July 2014, the Tour de France Stage 1 from Leeds to Harrogate passed through the village

The coach will leave at a time to be advised